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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 19 December 2003.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-21 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-21 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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1. Claims 1-21 are presented for examination.

DETAILED ACTION

Drawings

Figure 1 should be designated by a legend such as --Prior Art-- because only that which is old is illustrated. See MPEP § 608.02(g). Corrected drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. The replacement sheet(s) should be labeled "Replacement Sheet" in the page header (as per 37 CFR 1.84(c)) so as not to obstruct any portion of the drawing figures. If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1, 3-12, 14, and 19-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sameer et al hereinafter Sameer (US 7,158,778) in view of Cromer et al hereinafter Cromer (US 6,381,636).

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2. Referring to Claims 1, 7 and 14, Sameer discloses an access point configured to receive and store a request to retrieve information from a mobile system associated with the access point (refer to abstract); a mobile system having a wireless network adapter configured to poll the access point to discover the stored request for information on the access point (the device would wake up periodically, refer to Col 2, Lines 60-62); Although Sameer disclosed the invention substantially as claimed, Sameer is silent regarding "wherein the mobile system is configured to respond to discovery of the stored request by retrieving the requested information from nonvolatile storage of the mobile system and transmitting the requested information via the wireless network adapter".

Cromer, in an analogous art disclosed "wherein the mobile system is configured to respond to discovery of the stored request by retrieving the requested information from nonvolatile storage of the mobile system and transmitting the requested information via the wireless network adapter." (Refer to Col 3, Lines 32-37).

Hence, providing features disclosed by Cromer, would be desirable for a user to implement in order for the server to remotely access client information when the client is power off. Therefore, at the time of the invention, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to modify the system of Sameer by including the features that allows servers to remotely access information from a power off client.

3. Referring to Claim 21, Sameer discloses the service of claim 14, wherein enabling the mobile client to query the access point, comprises enabling the client to query the access point

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during a subsequent mobile client power on event causing the mobile client to associate with the access point (the device would wake up periodically, refer to Col 2, Lines 60-62).

4. Referring to Claim 3, 9, and 20, Sameer discloses the network of claims 1, 7, and 14, wherein the mobile system is further configured, when in a powered down state, to periodically wake up the wireless network adapter to poll the access point for pending requests (the device would wake up periodically, refer to Col 2, Lines 60-62).

5. Referring to Claims 4, 6, and 10, Sameer discloses the network of claims 1, 7, and 14, wherein the access point is configured to store the pending request in a table having an entry for each mobile system associated with the access point (refer to Col 2, Lines 16-20).

6. Referring to Claims 5, Sameer discloses the network of claims 1, 7, and 14, Sameer further discloses wherein the access point is configured to allocate an entry in the table when a mobile system associates with the access point (abstract, the Access point forward the message, when the device is ready to receive the message).

7. Referring to Claim 8, although Sameer discloses the invention substantially as claimed in Claims 7 and 14, Sameer is silent regarding wherein the code means for retrieving the asset information comprises code means for accessing the asset information from nonvolatile storage on the mobile system while the network adapter is powered on.

Cromer, in an analogous discloses wherein the code means for retrieving the asset information comprises code means for accessing the asset information from nonvolatile storage on the mobile system while the network adapter is powered on (refer to Col 3, Lines 33-38).

Hence, providing features disclosed by Cromer, would be desirable for a user to implement in order for the server to remotely access client information when the client is power off. Therefore, at the time of the invention, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to modify the system of Sameer by including the features that allows servers to remotely access information from a power off client.

8. Referring to Claims 11, and 12, although Sameer discloses the invention substantially as claimed in Claims 10, Sameer is silent regarding wherein each table entry contains a MAC address of the corresponding wireless network adapter.

Cromer, in an analogous discloses, wherein entry contains a MAC address of the corresponding wireless network adapter (refer to Col 6, Lines 29-43);

Hence, providing features disclosed by Cromer, would be desirable for a user to implement in order for the server to remotely access client information when the client is power off. Therefore, at the time of the invention, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to modify the system of Sameer by including the features that allows servers to remotely access information from a power off client.

9. Referring to Claim 19, although Sameer discloses the invention substantially as claimed in Claim 14, Sameer is silent regarding

” wherein enabling the mobile client to retrieve the information includes enabling the wireless adapter to retrieve data from nonvolatile storage directly connected to the wireless network adapter via a system management bus.”

Cromer, in an analogous art discloses “wherein enabling the mobile client to retrieve the information includes enabling the wireless adapter to retrieve data from nonvolatile storage directly connected to the wireless network adapter via a system management bus.” (Refer to Col 3, Lines 32-37)

Hence, providing features disclosed by Cromer, would be desirable for a user to implement in order for the server to remotely access client information when the client is power off.

Therefore, at the time of the invention, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to modify the system of Sameer by including the features that allows servers to remotely access information from a power off client.

Claims 2, 13, 15, 16, 17, and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sameer et al hereinafter Sameer (US 7,158,778) in view of Cromer et al hereinafter Cromer (US 6,381,636) and in further view of “Wake On Lane – An Overview” hereinafter WOL.

10. Referring to Claims 2, 13, and 15, Although Sameer and Cromer disclosed the invention substantially as claimed the network of Claim 1, 7 and 14, Sameer and Cromer are silent regarding “wherein the access point is configured to recognize the request as a packet containing a media access control (MAC) address repeated multiple times and an appended control field.”

WOL discloses, “wherein the access point is configured to recognize the request as a packet containing a media access control (MAC) address repeated multiple times and an appended control field.” (refer to Page 1, paragraph 5)

Hence, providing features disclosed by WOL, would be desirable for a user to implement in order for the server to remotely access client information when the client is power off.

Therefore, at the time of the invention, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to modify the system of Sameer and Cromer by including the features that allows servers to remotely access information from a power off client because Cromer discloses the use of a “magic packet” sent by server.

11. Referring to Claim 16, Sameer discloses the network of claims 1, 7, and 14, wherein the access point is configured to store the pending request in a table having an entry for each mobile system associated with the access point (refer to Col 2, Lines 16-20).

12. Referring to Claim 17. although Sameer discloses the invention substantially as claimed in Claim 16, Sameer is silent regarding wherein each entry in the table is further enabled to store the corresponding mobile system's MIF asset information.

Cromer, in an analogous art discloses wherein each entry in the table is further enabled to store the corresponding mobile system's MIF asset information (refer to Col 1, Lines 63-67).

Hence, providing features disclosed by Cromer, would be desirable for a user to implement in order for the server to remotely access client information when the client is power off.

Therefore, at the time of the invention, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to modify the system of Sameer by including the features that allows servers to remotely access information from a power off client.

13. Referring to Claim 18, although Sameer discloses the invention substantially as claimed in Claim 17, Sameer is silent regarding, wherein the server request is a request for the mobile client's asset information and wherein the access point services the request itself if the table contains a valid copy of the mobile client's asset information.

Conclusion

14. **Examiner's Notes:** Examiner has cited particular columns and line numbers in the references applied to the claims above for the convenience of the applicant. Although the specified citations are representative of the teachings of the art and are applied to specific limitations within the individual claim, other passages and figures may apply as well. It is respectfully requested from the applicant in preparing responses, to fully consider the references in entirety as potentially teaching all or part of the claimed invention, as well as the context of the passage as taught by the prior art or disclosed by the Examiner. In the case of amending the claimed invention, Applicant is respectfully requested to indicate the portion(s) of the specification which dictate(s) the structure relied on for proper interpretation and also to verify and ascertain the metes and bounds of the claimed invention.

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15. A shortened statutory period for reply to this Office action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Karen C. Tang whose telephone number is (571)272-3116. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 7 - 3.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Valencia Martin-Wallace can be reached on (571)272-3440. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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